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Project Update: Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot

Suffolk, VA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) continues ordnance and environmental investigations at the Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot (FNOD) site in Suffolk, Va., under the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program.

Munitions Response Efforts – The Corps is finalizing plans for a munitions investigation along the Nansemond River beachfront area of the TCC Portsmouth campus and will be discussing these plans at the next FNOD Restoration Advisory Meeting on August 4. “We hope to begin this investigation in about a month,” says George Mears, the U.S. Army Corps Project Manager. The Corps is also continuing land clearing in the Main Burning Ground area on GE property and will soon be able to augment this effort through the use of a mechanical sifter. This equipment is intended to speed up the sifting of vast amounts of debris at the site.

Environmental Response Efforts – The Corps is about to begin a Remedial Investigation at the TNT area located near the entrance of TCC. This study will include a third round of groundwater sampling at the site to determine the nature and extent of contaminants, including the identification of constituents generated during chemical breakdown of contaminants. The Corps is also developing a technical plan to evaluate the discovery of dissolved arsenic in groundwater within a newly identified Area of Concern near the boundary between GE and northwestern corner of the Dominion Lands property near the Nansemond River.

Next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting -- The status of the Corps’ site plans and activities will be discussed at the next FNOD Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Bon Secours Health Center at Harbour View, located at

5818 Harbour View Boulevard in Suffolk, in the second floor conference room. RAB meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Meeting topics will include:

- Environmental Studies
- Site Model Groundwater Report
- Track K Dump Area
- Pesticide Drum Area
- Horseshoe Pond
- Nansemond River Beachfront
- Mechanical Sifter
- Funding

Background on the Restoration Advisory Board -- The Restoration Advisory Board was established in 1997. It is a communications forum that enables the public to provide input on cleanup efforts to the Corps and the environmental regulators. It is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders including community members, local business representatives, local and state officials, a TCC representative and environmental staff from the Corps, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA. For more information please check out the project website at <http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Projects/Nansemond/welcome.html> or contact Adriane James, FUDs Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (757) 201-7701.

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